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RECORDING/PLAYBACK APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits,
the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 18, and 19 as follows (a marked-up copy of the
claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

9. (Amended-Clean Copy) A content playback method comprising the steps
of:

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when playing back content recorded on a recording medium by means of
the file management method according to claim 2, extracting a content file from
said recording medium; and